



SUMMER 2004



WING BEAT NEWS

DOVE HUNTING

Mourning doves are the most abundant dove in North America and the most widely hunted and harvested game bird. Each year dove hunting regulation frameworks are set by the US Fish and Wildlife Service through a three-step process. Specific regulations governing the take of doves in California are then selected within these frameworks by the California Fish and Game Commission and forwarded to the Service for adoption. *In California the **PROPOSED** 2004 Dove Season opens the first day of September and runs for 15 consecutive days (Wednesday, Sept. 1 thru. Wednesday Sept. 15, 2004). The **PROPOSED** late season opens again the second weekend of November for 45 consecutive days (11-13 thru 12-27-2004). The **PROPOSED** bag limits and shooting hours will be 10 per day, 20 in possession from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.*

Doves are often hunted near harvested grain fields such as wheat, barley, safflower or sunflowers. Doves prefer to feed on bare or nearly bare ground so a mowed, weed field can be attractive. When hunting the state wildlife areas as well as private lands, look for doves along the creeks, rivers, and other tree lined habitats. The first and last 2-3 hours of the day are usually when the doves are most active. Sierra Nevada foothill locations such as the Oroville and Spenceville WA's, the coastal foothills, and many of the valley WA's are good. Water sources such as canals, and ponds can also be good places to sit and wait for the doves to come to you. **Several wildlife areas have utilized Upland Game Bird Stamp funds to plant safflower and sunflower to improve dove habitats and hunting.** It is illegal to scatter grain or other seed in a field which is hunted.

Reports from Fish and Game field biologists indicate that this should be an average to good year.

The following is a list of public lands where doves are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. It is recommended that a trip to one of these areas before dove season will let you know where the habitats and birds are located.

Questions and Answers -

Are reservations necessary for hunting the northern California/Sacramento Valley wildlife areas? No reservations are needed for hunting during the Sept. dove season. There will be a check station on opening morning at the Yolo Bypass WA. A reservation may be useful during the late dove season on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas such as Upper Butte Basin, Gray Lodge, and Yolo Bypass Wildlife areas.

Is there a charge? There is no charge for hunting any of the Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Areas during the early dove season or the Type C wildlife areas during the late dove season. There is a fee charged (tentatively \$12.50/day) on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas when the waterfowl season begins.

PLACES TO HUNT

(Sa/Su =safflower/sunflower plots planted on the wildlife areas; N,S,E,W = directions)

Black Butte Reservoir (3000 acres) – 25 miles west of Chico via Hwy 32 on County Road 200 (Newville Road). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (530) 865-4781. Web site www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/lakes or email blackbutte-info@spk.usace.army.mil.

Sacramento River Wildlife Area – Type C areas – (Butte/Glenn/Colusa Counties) – Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton Units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area - Type A area - Little Dry Creek Unit , 11 miles west of Gridley on Gridley Colusa Hwy and turn right at the wildlife area entrance to the self-registration check station. **No Su/Sa planted.** Howard Slough Unit, 11 miles west of Highway 99 on Highway 162 and turn right on ZZ Road for 1 mile to the self-registration check station. **Su/Sa NE of both parking lots 1 and 2, a plot at the N end of the Wildlife Area and a plot SE of parking lot 3.** Llano Seco Unit, 13 miles west of Hwy 99 and turn right on Z Road/7 Mile Road for 7 miles to the self-registration check station on the left. Three **Su/Sa between parking lots 1 and 2 and a plot N of parking lot 3.** Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., controlled by waterfowl permit regulations. Call (530) 982-2169 for more info. Pick up maps at the check stations.

REGION 2 SACRAMENTO VALLEY-CENTRAL SIERRA COUNTIES

Plumas, Butte, Glenn,
Colusa, Yolo, Solano,
Yuba, Sutter,
Sacramento, San
Joaquin, Calaveras,
Alpine, Amador, El
Dorado, Placer,
Nevada and Sierra



Oroville Wildlife Area (10,000 acres) - Type C area - West of Oroville on Highway 162, **No Sa/Su plots were planted around the Thermalito Afterbay due to lack of funding, Hunting along the Feather River is recommended.** (530) 538-2236.

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) - Type C area - East of Marysville on Highway 20 about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Road for 1 mile. **80 acres of Sa/Su planted this year, due to lack of spring rain some plantings did not do well. 5 plots E and W of Waldo Road, 7 plots in the Jones Road area south of Spenceville Road, 3 plots in the Horseshoe Flat Area and 1 plot W of Pittman Road.**

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (9200 acres) - Type A area - 10 miles east of Live Oak on Pennington and Almond Orchard Roads, (530) 846-7500. **Hunting is best near the 7 (total of 101 acres) safflower and sunflower plots located near parking lots 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13, and in the abandoned orchards. For early dove season, sign in at the self-registration booth located at Pennington and Rutherford roads where maps are located.** Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., is controlled by waterfowl permit regulations.

Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (3766 acres) - Type C area - 10 miles west of Yuba City via Highway 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Highway 113. (Look for the privately owned safflower or wheat fields adjacent to the Sutter Bypass Levee.) You must stay on the Sutter Bypass levee to hunt doves. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (1,248 acres) – Type C area 1 1/2 miles north of Colusa on River Rd. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Feather River Wildlife Area (2200 acres in 5 separate properties) - Type C areas -10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. **Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes Units** are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Road. **The Nelson Slough Unit** is under the Highway 99 Bridge near Nicolaus. **Sheep are grazing the Nelson Slough lands during the summer of 2004 to reduce the star thistle and other annual weeds. This new management may improve the areas attraction to dove.** The **Star Bend and Lake of the Woods Units** are south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (2,357 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road and Dolan Harding Road, DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (3,700 acres) - 3 miles east of Davis and 4 miles west of West Sacramento of Interstate 80. From east bound I-80 take East Chiles Road exit and travel east 1/4 mile to the west levee access. From west bound I-80, take Frontage Road exit immediately west to the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at the stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access. **1 SA plot S of Lot F, SA plot 1/2 mile S of Lot G and SA plot 3/4 mile E of Lot I. There will be a check station open 2 hours before shoot time on the opening morning only for about 75 hunters.** Self-registration after opening morning. DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900 or (530) 757-2461.

White Slough Wildlife Area (880 acres) - Seven miles west of Lodi. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres available for hunting) - 30 miles east of Stockton. Corps of Engineers (209) 772-1343.

New Melones Lake (25,000 acres) - 25 miles east of Oakdale. Bureau of Reclamation (209) 536-9094.

COASTAL AREA - Dove hunting in the north and central portions of the Central Coast Region is generally fair because cold weather before the Sept. 1 opener sends many doves south. If we are lucky and do not have the cold period, however, dove hunting can be good to excellent.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acres of DFG land) and **Cache Creek Mgt. Area** (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa Counties - From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Highway 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (4,990 acres of DFG land) and **Indian Valley Management Area** (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties - About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Road. DFG at 707 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000.

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (60,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties - Access from Ukiah (about 8-10 miles): Highway 101 to Talmadge Road to East Side Road to Mill Creek Road to the Recreation Area. Access from Lakeport: Take 11th St. exit from Highway 29 west to Scotts Valley Road, then left on Riggs Road to Scotts Creek Road and the Recreation Area. BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000.

Mendocino National Forest - U.S. Forest Service at 530 934-3316.

Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Wingo and Huichica Units - Six miles south of Sonoma - Wingo Unit is on Millerex Road and the Huichica Creek Unit is on Buchli Station Road. Call DFG at 707 944-5500.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

A. The following wildlife areas will be open to dove hunting throughout the legal season without reservation or quota. Sign in at the self-registration booth. The number of hunters to each area will not be regulated – **O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area, Little Panoche Reservoir, San Luis Reservoir, Dos Amigos WA, Upper and Lower Cottonwood Creek WA's, China Island Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area.**

B. The following San Joaquin Valley wildlife areas have a quota or drawing:

Winton – Juniors only. This area is located approximately six miles north of Winton, adjacent to the Merced River. Twenty-five acres of safflower were grown by a private landowner for a special **juniors only** dove hunt. **Two hunts are scheduled for the first Saturday of the season (September 4, 2004),** one-half hour before sunrise to noon and 1:00 p.m. to sunset. These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. The hunts are as follows: **Hunt A:** September 4, morning; **Hunt B:** September 4, afternoon. For additional information, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, extension 132 or 133.

Los Banos Wildlife Area will have two designated hunt areas on opening day, September 1, with a total hunter capacity of 100. The remainder of the area will be open to provide hunting for non-reservation hunters. Total capacity of the area will be 300 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Saturday, August 31. The hunt is as follows: **Hunt O: September 1.**

Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area will be divided into three sections (northern, middle and southern sections) with reservations being issued for 150 hunters for September 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be filled until 12:00 p.m., after 12:00 p.m. the area will be open to free roam hunting. **Hunt P: September 1.**

Gadwall and Volta Wildlife Areas will be closed to all dove hunting.

For maps or a San Joaquin Valley Wing Beat News subscription with info about these lands and other hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Los Banos Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

How to Apply for the San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts

To be eligible for the drawing, **hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference.** Applications may include up to two hunters applying as a party. Applications may not include more than 2 adults and one junior or one adult and two junior hunters. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and your guest: (1) hunt area (i.e. Los Banos [O]), (2) name, (3) address, (4) daytime and evening telephone number, (5) 2004-2005 hunting license number and (6) if you have a mobility impairment and need special accommodations.

Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest for each area and hunt period. Applying for the same hunt area and period more than once will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications must be returned to: **San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts, DFG, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710.**

Applications must be received by Friday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified and supplied with additional information about their hunt. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). An Upland Game Bird stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. This information and application can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

Cosumnes River Preserve Dove Hunt

When: Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004

Where: Dillard Road/Hwy 99 and a new property at Arno Road/Hwy 99. Both properties are between Elk Grove and Galt.

How: This is a permitted hunt. Send a postcard to Dept. of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, with the name, address, phone #, and license numbers for up to 4 hunters (adults and juniors combined) with the name "Cosumnes Preserve-Dillard Road" or "Cosumnes River-Arno Road" and one or both dates that you would like to hunt. You may apply online also at www.dfg.ca.gov. Applications must be in by August 11, 2004. Both areas are a mix of forest, weeds and agricultural fields.

Dove Results 2003

Wildlife Area	Date	Doves	Hunters	Ave.
Oroville	1-Sep	306	152	2.01
Spenceville		535	243	2.20
Consumnes	1-Sep	13	38	0.34
	2-Sep	5	38	0.13
Yolo	1-Sep	223	121	1.84
UBBWA				
Llanco Seco	1-Sep	125	125	1.00
Howard Slough	1-Sep	450	105	4.29
Little Dry Creek	No records were kept-due to no personnel			
Gray Lodge	1-Sep	181	248	0.73
	2-Sep	5	12	0.42
	3/15-Sep	57	98	0.58

Attention: G1 and C4 Deer Tag Holders!

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, located near Chico, California Department of Fish & Game, offers hunting opportunities for **deer, quail and turkey.** The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve is private property, owned by the Bidwell Environmental Institute, Research Foundation. The mission of the reserve is to preserve critical habitat and provide a natural area for environmental research and education. As part of the purchase agreement, the Research Foundation cooperatively developed a program with the California Department of Fish and Game to allow hunting and fishing. **Hunting and fishing is allowed on the reserve by permit only. This program provides a unique opportunity to gain access to property that would otherwise be closed to the general public.**

All interested hunters and fisherman can call **530-891-1065** for an application package. **Please take note of the deadline dates.**

All hunters must have a valid California hunting license, deer tags and/or bird stamps before applying for any hunt on the BCCER. All California Fish and Game Code laws apply.

Each person is allowed one application as the primary applicant, per hunt period. Each primary applicant is allowed up to two guests, who may hunt or observe. Hunters who are guests on one application are allowed to apply as the primary applicant on a separate application. Hunters are not allowed to submit multiple applications, as the primary applicant, for the same hunt date. Doing so will result in disqualification from the drawing process.

Important Deadlines: August 1, 2004 - Deadline for receiving drawing applications for the C4 and G1 hunts. All applications received after this date will be rejected from the drawing.

August 15, 2004 - Drawing for deer hunts on the BCCER. Successful applicants will be notified.

Gray Squirrel Hunting

Squirrels live in lots of places in California. Learning a little about the ecology of squirrels will allow you to better understand where and how to hunt squirrels. Several species of tree squirrel occur in California, however only the Western Grey Squirrel provides extensive and worthwhile hunting and eating opportunity. They are fairly common in mature stands of most conifer, hardwood and mixed hardwood conifer habitats throughout California. They are also found in riparian woodlands along the many Central Valley rivers. They require hollow trees or will build a stick nest. Food varies seasonally, however acorns are an important summer, fall and winter food. Grey squirrels are non migratory and home ranges vary from about .5 to 2.5 acres in size.

Look around and under pine and nut trees. Gnawed nut shells and other food debris will tell you if the tree is regularly inhabited. As nervous and alert as they are, the squirrels will see you before you see them. It is wise to enter an area quietly, get comfortable, and wait for the little creatures to accept you as part of the environment.

What do you need to go squirrel hunting? A shotgun of any gauge or a small caliber rifle like a .22 caliber semi-automatic. If you are new to squirrel hunting, a shotgun with number 6 shot is best. Shotguns are better as the squirrels tend to jump from tree to tree a lot, but the shot can be a problem when eating, the ultimate goal. Dress for the weather and bring food and water. Know where you are before you decide where to go. That way you will get back to your vehicle in time for dinner.

Where to go? In the central part of the state the best opportunity to hunt grey squirrels occurs on national forest land within the range of black oaks and mixed black oaks with conifers. This may be, depending on latitude, from about 2,000 to 6,000 feet in elevation. In the Sierras, Highways 120, 108, 4, 88, 50, 80, 20, 70 and 36 will all get you into tree squirrel habitats. In the Coast Range, try the Mendocino National Forest. They can also be found along the Central Valley rivers and oak woodlands. You can combine a squirrel hunting and mountain quail hunt when the seasons overlap.

Get your gear together, an ice chest to store your lunch and the squirrels you are going to bag and start looking. When you are sure you are where the squirrels are supposed to be, based on the habitat you are in, its time to go hunting.

Basically, you can stalk these critters or sit on a rock, tree stump or folding chair and wait. A combination of the two usually works best. Stalk till you find a concentration and then wait them out. Your chance will come when they can't sit still any longer. Pack some food and drink with you for it may be a little wait.

Once you've finished your hunt, it's time to clean your game. Gut, skin and cool as soon as possible. After they have cooled, bag or wrap them up. Squirrel is normally very mild flavored and tender.

Remember, in California the daily bag and possession limit for tree squirrels is 4 per day and 4 in possession.

The **tree squirrel general season begins the second Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January (Sept. 11, 2004- Jan. 30, 2005)**. This applies to the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba, and that portion of Kern County lying east of Interstate 5.

Archery and Falconry Tree Squirrel Season and Area: Tree squirrels may be taken with bow and arrow or raptors only during the general tree squirrel season and as follows: the season in the counties of the Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne and Yuba: and that portion of Kern lying east of Interstate 5 shall open on the first Saturday in August extending through the day before general tree squirrel season (**August 7 -Sept. 10, 2004**).

The following is a list of public lands where squirrels are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. Central Valley DFG wildlife areas are restricted to shotgun and archery hunting only.

PLACES TO HUNT

National Forests of California - Check the Information Page for phone numbers of the National Forest Offices or for any forest map contact: U.S. Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 at (707) 562-8737 or w/a credit card call 530 647-5390. U.S. Forest Service maps are \$6 each. Plan a weekend and camp out at one of the many campgrounds.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres) - Type C area - 25 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36 to Plum Creek Road; or east of Red Bluff on Hogsback Road. Tree squirrels found along Plum Creek, Durley Flat, Antelope and Oak Creeks. Call DFG at (530) 597-2201.

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Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (530) 885-4527/ 988-0205.

Knoxville Area in Lake and Napa Counties: Take Knoxville Devilhead Road off of Berryessa Knoxville Road just north of Knoxville. This is the only road into area. Access restricted to foot or horse traffic. BLM in Ukiah 707-462-3873.

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Dates To Remember

July 1 – Cottontail rabbit season open

(See Spring Wing Beat News about places to hunt.)

July 26 - Kids Fishing Day at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area near Gridley – Planted catfish

Sept. 1 – 15 Early dove season

Sept. 1, 2003 – Jan. 25, 2003 General tree squirrel season

SAGE GROUSE PERMIT DRAWING

The Department of Fish and Game is now accepting applications for annual sage grouse hunts. The final upland game bird hunting regulations will be adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on August 6, 2004. The **proposed** 2004 sage grouse hunting season is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2004.

As in previous years, hunts are scheduled for portions of Lassen, Mono and Inyo Counties. In Lassen County, the proposed bag limit is two sage grouse per season. In the Mono and Inyo areas, the proposed bag limit is one grouse per season. There is plenty of public land available for hunting as much of sage grouse territory is made up of BLM land. Hunters are advised to bring plenty of water and be prepared for rugged terrain and hot, dry conditions.

In order to hunt sage grouse, hunters must be drawn for a sage grouse hunting permit. The permits are issued by a random drawing at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters may apply for only one of the four sage grouse hunting zones (East Lassen, Central Lassen, North Mono and South Mono-Inyo). In addition, all sage grouse hunters are required to have an Upland Game Bird Stamp.

Sage grouse permit applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch by 5:00pm, August 9, 2004. Hunters may apply for a sage grouse permit by sending a postcard with the required information to: Department of Fish and Game, Sage Grouse Permit Drawing, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. To apply for a sage grouse permit online, visit the License and Revenue Branch home page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/> and click on the "Sage Grouse Permit Drawing Application" link.

All applications must include the hunter's name, 2004/2005 California hunting license number, residence address and the hunt zone choice. Incomplete applications and those with invalid hunting license numbers will be disqualified.

Hunters may apply in parties of up to four, but each hunter needs to list his or her name, mailing address, and 2004/2005 hunting license number on the application. Each hunter may submit only one application for one hunt area.

Falconers may also apply for sage grouse permits but must write "Falconry Only" on their applications. Check current regulations after the August Fish and Game Commission meeting for season dates (normally Nov-Jan.).

Hunters wanting more information about sage grouse permit drawings may contact Glenn Underwood at (916) 227-2268.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL PHEASANT HUNT APPLICATION

California Department of Fish & Game
Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates, but you will only be drawn for one hunt per date. DO NOT SEND PHEASANT APPS IN UNTIL AUGUST 2004.

This section must be complete to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of up to four, as long as all hunter's names and hunting licenses appear.

Contact Address & Phone #:

Name: _____ License #: _____
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JUNIOR HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sierra Valley (Headwaters Honker Preserve)	20	Oct. 9 am	Sep. 22	
	20	Oct. 9 pm	Sep. 22	
Yuba Co. FGC (Nelson Slough)	65	Oct. 30 am	Oct. 13	
	65	Oct. 30 pm	Oct. 13	
Sutter Co. FGC (Nelson Slough)	65	Oct. 31 am	Oct. 13	
	65	Oct. 31 pm	Oct. 13	
Yuba-Sutter DFG (Nelson Slough)	65	Nov. 6 am	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 6 pm	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 7 am	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 7 pm	Oct. 20	
Gray Lodge	25	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
Little Dry Creek	50	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
	50	Nov. 21	Nov. 3	
Delta Islands	50	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
	50	Nov. 21	Nov. 3	
Yolo	25	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
Oroville WA	50	Nov. 20 am	Nov. 3	
	50	Nov. 20 pm	Nov. 3	

WOMEN'S HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sierra Valley Green Gulch Ranch	15	Oct. 9	Sep. 22	
Yuba Co. FGC	65	Oct. 30 am	Oct. 13	
	65	Oct. 30 pm	Oct. 13	
Yuba-Sutter DFG (Nelson Slough)	65	Nov. 6 am	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 6 pm	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 7 am	Oct. 20	
	65	Nov. 7 pm	Oct. 20	
Delta Islands	50	Nov. 14	Oct. 27	

MOBILITY IMPAIRED JR HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sutter Co. FGC	65	Oct. 31 am	Oct. 13	
	65	Oct. 31 pm	Oct. 13	

- * Multiple applications will be disqualified
- * A computer drawing will occur the day after the deadline
- * Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will receive specific information about the hunt
- * Wild bird public and Family hunts are available on a separate app
- * Non-hunters are not restricted and do not need to be declared on this app
- * Additional information will be available by calling 916-358-2839
- * These hunts are free and open to all legal hunters

Mail to: Department of Fish and Game
GBH Special Hunts
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
For Questions Call: 916-358-2877

Definitions- Junior: A person who purchased a CA hunting license while under the age of 16. Woman: Any female with a CA hunting license. Public: Any one with a CA hunting license. Mobility Impaired-Any CA hunting license holder with a mobility impairment (unless specified for juniors). Family- Any party of two or more, preferably with at least 1 junior.

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WILD BIRD PUBLIC HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
South East Fremont Weir	40	Nov. 13	Oct. 27	
	40	Nov. 17	Oct. 27	
	40	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
	40	Nov. 24	Nov. 3	
	40	Nov. 27	Nov. 10	
	40	Dec. 1	Nov. 10	
	40	Dec. 4	Nov. 17	
	40	Dec. 8	Nov. 17	
	40	Dec. 11	Nov. 24	
Delta Islands	50	Nov. 13	Oct. 27	
	50	Nov. 17	Oct. 27	
	50	Nov. 20	Nov. 3	
	50	Nov. 24	Nov. 3	
	50	Nov. 27	Nov. 10	
	50	Dec. 1	Nov. 10	
	50	Dec. 4	Nov. 17	
	50	Dec. 8	Nov. 17	
	50	Dec. 11	Nov. 24	
	50	Dec. 15	Nov. 24	
	50	Dec. 18	Dec. 1	

FAMILY HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Little Dry Creek	50	Nov. 14	Oct. 27	

MOBILITY IMPAIRED HUNT

Area	Dates	Contact
Birds Ltd., Placer Co	By appt.	530-823-9310

**Mail to: Department of Fish and Game
GBH Special Hunts
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

- * Multiple applications will be disqualified
- * A computer drawing will occur the day after the deadline
- * Junior and Women's hunts are available on a separate application
- * Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will receive specific information about the hunt
- * Non-hunters are not restricted and do not need to be declared on this app
- * Additional information will be available by calling 916-358-2839
- * These hunts are free and open to all legal hunters

Definitions: Public: Any one with a CA hunting license. Mobility Impaired-Any CA hunting license holder with a mobility impairment (unless specified for juniors). Family - Any party of two or more, preferably with at least 1 junior.

Persons interested in going hunting this fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting rangers or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list of classes already scheduled for the areas shown.

Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Arcata	707-822-3096	Sept. class-Bob Fallis
Alturas	530-640-0977	Tenative fall class-Phil Vermillion
Crescent City	707-464-6552	Oct.18th-Steve Bingham
Crescent City-	707-464-6181	Home Study Based on enrollment- Mario DeSolenni
Eureka	707-443-6328	Monthly-Brad Smith
Red Bluff	530-527-0926	Based on enrollment-Rob Hurd
Redding	530-225-1025	Monthly-Marshall Jones
Redding-Home Study	530-225-2300	Monthly-pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St. Redding
Susanville- Home Study	530-251-2136	Cliff Bannister for dates
Mt. Shasta	530-925-2053	Sept. class-Dan Parken

Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region

Rancho Cordova	916-351-0538	Monthly - Cordova Shooting Center.
West Sacramento	916-617-4620	Monthly
Stockton	209-937-8206	Monthly
	209-823-7919	Monthly - Manteca Sportsmen's Club.
Elk Grove	916-714-4867	Based on enrollment- Mike Green.
El Dorado County	530-622-3794	Bill Adams or
	530-622-2480	Jim Russell Aug. 17 th , 19 th , 24 th & 26 th
		Sept. 14 th , 16 th , 21 st & 23 rd
		Nov. 9 th , 11 th , 16 th & 18 th
		Must attend all four dates.
Placerville	530-644-2797	Monthly
Roseville	916-728-5500	Monthly classes & Home Study available-Brad Gunter.
Chico	530-896-9935	Sign up July 26 th , Class Aug. 7 th
		Sign up Aug. 30 th , Class Sept. 11 th
		Sign up Sept. 20 th , Class Oct. 2 nd
		Butte Co. Search & Rescue Building.
Cameron Park	530-677-6996	Private Classes - Vern Luce.
Grass Valley	530-273-4440	Aug. 20 th -21 st , Sept. 10 th -11 th , Sept. 24 th -25 th -
		The Range.
Nevada City		Jul. 21 st -23 rd , Aug. 25 th -27 th , Oct. 27 th -29 th
		Sign up at Nev. Co. Sportsmen's Club
		11296 Banner Mtn. Trail, Nev. City
Willows	530-934-2638	Aug. & Oct. classes- Jon Hays
Yolo County	530-662-3372	Monthly - Knights Landing Sportsmen's Club.
	530-757-2361	Aug 7-8th, Judy Oswald
	530-662-4873	Mike Russoe
	916-455-6452	Women's class July 10 th -11 th - Linda Sandoval
Yuba City/Marysville	530 743-1518	Terry Oaks- Sept 2004 Class.
	530-751-7767	Monthly- Joe & Joan Becker
	530-671-9250	Monthly-Chuck Wyllie
	530-742-1488	Aug & Sept. class TBA-Jan Schmoldt
Oroville	530-533-2011	Feather River Recreation Dist.-Aug. 14 th , 2004
Paradise	530-877-5114	Paradise Sporting Goods
Portola	530-832-5372	Sylvia Olsen-Aug. 2004 class
Chester	530-258-2415	Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 10 th , 11 th -Dave Gonyer or
	530-596-4115	George Orloff
Rio Linda	916-991-5929	July 22 nd & 24 th , Aug. 26 th & 28 th , Sept. 16 th &18 th
		Rio Linda Park District
Rocklin	916-632-4100	Sept. 11- Rocklin Community Services
Willows	530-934-2638	Aug & Oct. 2004 classes-John Hays

Alameda County

Castro Valley	510-569-0213	First Saturday of every month - Chabot Gun Club
C.V. / Livermore	925-216-7269	Home Study-Ongoing-Neal Kernes

Hunter Education Training Schedule

San Leandro	510-638-9605	July 10 th –11 th , Aug. 7 th –8 th , Sept. 4 th –5 th , Oct. 9 th –10 th , Nov. 20 th –21 st San Leandro Optimist Club Rifle & Pistol Range Four classes per year-Buck Buchanan Jul. 17 th , Nov. 20 th -Wilderness Unlimited
Dublin	925- 828-6416	
Hayward	510-785-4868	
Contra Costa County		
Brentwood	925-625-4347	Monthly-Rod & Chris Jenneihan
Concord	Register in person	Aug.10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 17 th & 18 th , United Sportsman, Inc Sept. 8 th , 9 th , 14 th , 15 th & 16 th Register at 4770 Evora Rd., Concord Nov. 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 16 th , & 17 th July 24 th , 26 th , 27 th & 28 th and Aug. 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th & 29 th -Concord Sportsman Inc. Aug. 5 th , 6 th & 12 th , Nov. 1 st , 2 nd & 8 th -Martinez Gun Club Aug. 14 th & 15 th - The Bow Rack
Martinez	925-685-5437	
San Pablo	925-372-9599	
Lake County	510-236-8303	
Upper Lake	707-275-3354	Based on enrollment- Clifford Shick
	707-275-9304	Based on enrollment- Joe Diaz
Lakeport	707-263-1585	Monthly-Phil Phillips
San Francisco County		
San Francisco	650-588-0924	July 19 th -23 rd , & Aug. 16 th -20 th -Pacific Rod & Gun Club
San Mateo County		
San Mateo	650-341-0429	Sept. 20 th , 24 th , 27 th & Oct. 1 st -Coyote Point Shooting Range
Santa Clara County		
Morgan Hill	408-842-7578	Jul. 24 th -25 th , Aug. 21 st -22, Sept. 18 th -19 th Oct. 9 th -10 th , Nov. 6 th -7 th -Coyote Valley Sporting Clays Sept. 11 th -12 th , Nov. 13 th -14 th -Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club Monthly- Reed's Indoor Range
San Jose	408-972-2360	
Santa Clara	408-970-9870	
Santa Cruz County		
Aptos	831-962-4499	Aug. 7 th & 14 th , Oct. 2 nd & 9 th -Doug Hinds
Santa Cruz	831-423-0548	Gary Lease
Watsonville	831-772-4812	Jul. 9 th -10 th , Sept. 10 th -11 th , Nov. 5 th -6 th - Bob Wilt
Solano County		
Dixon	707-678-9155	Jul., Sept. & Oct. classes.-Dixon Game Club
Vallejo	707-642-9094	Warren Madison
Suisun	707-425-2618	Salvatore DiMarco
Vacaville	707-449-4867	Aug. 8 th , Sept. 8 th , Oct. 1 st -2 nd , and Dec. 3 rd -4 th -The Shooting Gallery
Napa/Sonoma County		
Sonoma	707-938-5473	Sept. & Dec. tentatively-Valley of the Moon Trap Club
Napa	707-648-0410	Jul. 12 th , 14 th & 16 th & Oct. 25 th , 27 th & 29 th /Napa Rifle & Pistol Club-Sam Grow
Santa Rosa	707-543-3282	Steele Lane Comm. Center
Petaluma	707-769-8235	Black Point Sporting Clays
San Benito County		
Paicines	800-209-5175	Rock Springs Ranch
Lake County		
Hidden Valley	707-987-8180	Classes pending
Lakeport	707-263-1585	Phil Phillips
Marin County		
San Rafael	707-769-8235	Monthly-Bullseye Shooting Range- Henry Hernandez
Mendocino County		
Ukiah	707-485-0297	July 19 th , Sept. 13 th , (START DATES) Ukiah Elks Club
	707-463-0434	Jul.10 th , 17 th & 24 th , Oct. 2 nd , 9 th & 16 th -Ukiah Gun Club
Monterey County		
Chualar & Hollister	831-679-5965	Nov. 12 th -13 th -Jim Miller
Prunedale	831-663-3224	Aug. class-Bob Monahan
Monterey Area	831-626-6586	Geoff Malloway
San Luis Obispo County		
Atascadero	805-461-5624	July & Sept. classes -Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.
San Luis Obispo	805-541-3338	July 12 th , 13 th , 15 th & 17 th , Oct. 18 th , 19 th , 21 st , & 23 rd - San Luis Obispo Sportsmen's Assoc
	805-461-5624	Jul. 12 th , 13 th , 15 th & 17 th , Sept. 13 th , 14 th , 16 th & 17 th Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.
	805-543-0429	Classes held when enough students sign up-Madelene Farris
Cambria/Paso Robles	805-238-4326	Classes held when enough students sign up-Todd Tognazzini
	805-237-3988	July, Aug. & Sept. classes-Paso Robles Cenntinnial Park
San Miguel	805-467-3643	Jul – Sept. classes-Ray Harden
Santa Maria	805-937-2441	First Mon. in July, Aug. & Sept Santa Maria Gun Club
	805-346-2214	Trini Martinez - Begins second Mon. in Sept.
	805-934-5737	Tom Martinez - Wed. evenings

Hunter Safety - Bowhunting Classes

Challenge	530-534-0977	Darryl McElmurry
Yuba City	530-671-9250	(Chuck Wyllie & Gene Krieb)
	or	(Joe Becker)
	530-751-7767	(John Watters)
Stockton	209-463-8860	(Dave Deacon)
Grass Valley	530-268-3549	(Marshall Myers)
Esparto	530-787-3259	(Robert Moore)
Roseville	916-723-6792	(Jim Williams)
Rocklin	916-635-6759	(Wilderness Archery)
	916-630-8700	

DFG HUNTING CLINICS

The Dept. of Fish and Game is offering 2 hunting clinics this fall on Wilderness Unlimited Property near Williams, CA about 50 miles north of Sacramento. They are:

1. Waterfowl Hunting Clinic, Sept. 11, 2004, 9am- 5pm, cost: \$40. In the field of duck hunting, Billy Gianquinto is known throughout the county as one of the best duck callers. He's a popular author of many articles on duck hunting and duck calling. Billy's audio cassettes "Philosophy of a Master Duckcaller", and "Mallard Music" are considered the finest of their kind. Billy will be one of the presenters at this comprehensive waterfowl clinic. Joining him will be Mike Carion, Assistant Chief of the Dept. of Fish and Game. Mike's expertise in waterfowl identification is renowned. John Hayden, scull boat manufacturer, will be there to demonstrate scull boating. Other topics include the concepts of decoy placement, blind design, ballistics, and safety. Space is limited.

2. Upland Game Hunting Clinic, Oct. 16, 2004, 9am-5pm, cost: \$40. This clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstration, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited.

You can register online at www.dfg.ca.gov/coned/huntclinics/regform04.pdf. You can also send the workshop name, your name, address, day and evening phone #'s, and an email address (optional). Checks should be payable to "California Wildlife Foundation", and sent to Dept. of Fish and Game, Advanced Hunting Programs, 1416 Ninth St. Room 117, Sacramento, CA 95814.

DFG's Hunter Education Offers 2 Summer Classes for Women

Classes in July and August, both at the Yolo Sportsman's Association in Woodland, are geared towards women who are interested in qualifying for a California hunting license. The instruction of the two classes will emphasize hands-on techniques and attention to detail for individuals not knowledgeable about hunting. The classes focus on women, but couples are encouraged to participate. Fathers often use the class as an opportunity to introduce daughters to the sport of hunting. DFG's Game Bird Heritage and Hunter Education Programs sponsor the classes.

Each course includes 10 hours of classroom instruction on firearms and firearms handling, hunter ethics and wildlife management, and a session of rifle, handgun and shotgun range practice. Successful completion of a hunter education course is required to obtain a California hunting license.

The \$10 enrollment fee includes a study manual and use of firearms and ammunition. Class size is limited to 25, and pre-registration is required. Participants are encouraged to study the manual before the first day of the class.

The times and locations of the classes are as follows:

Saturday and Sunday, **July 10 and 11.** Yolo Sportsman's Association, Woodland. Call Linda Sandoval (916) 455-6452 for sign up information.

Saturday and Sunday, **Aug. 7 and 8.** Yolo Sportsman's Association, Woodland. Call Judy Oswald (530) 757-2361 for sign up information.

Free Fishing Day – Saturday September 25, 2004

On Sept. 25, the Department of Fish and Game waives the requirement for a fishing license for anglers 16 years and older on all freshwater and ocean waters. All other fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, fishing hours and stream closures, remain in effect.

On Free Fishing Day in the Bay Area, the DFG offers a free clinic at Lake Cunningham in San Jose. The clinic offers 45 minutes of instruction on how to fish. For info on clinics, fish stocking or school-based programs, call (415) 892-0460.

Sacramento area new anglers will find help getting that line in the water on Free Fishing Day at William Land Park. Along with the clinic, there will be free loan of rods, bait and tackle. DFG stocks the pond with catfish. For more info, call (916) 358-1644.

With the exception of the two free fishing opportunities, anglers must possess a valid 2004 sport fishing license, priced this year for California residents at \$32.80. Short term licenses are also available for residents and non-residents at reduced rates.

New Wildlife Area Workday Saturday, July 31, 2004 7AM – 3pm

Where: Darby Road Unit, 689 acres of foothill oaks and brush, Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Butte and Yuba Counties.

What: Opportunity to help the **Sutter Buttes Chapter, Mule Deer Foundation, the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission, and the Dept. of Fish and Game** with the preparation of a new unit of the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area for public access.

Projects: 1) Installing boundary posts, 2) Build a boundary fence of barbed wire, and 3) Clean up of wire debris – Please bring any of the following: leather gloves, wire cutters, post hole diggers, post pounders, shovel and an ATV w/trailer.

For a map on how to find the wildlife area please call: Mule Deer Chapter Representative Jerry Mathews at 530 673-1936, Yuba County F&G Chairman Frank Allen at 530 692-0709 or DFG Biologist Dale Whitmore at 530 743-5068.

Calendar of Events



September 2004

- 1 First half of dove hunting season opens.
- 4 Junior Dove Hunt, Winton, Merced County. Free (559) 243-4005 ext 132
- 4 Where the Wild Kids Are, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-7714. www.saczoo.com
- 9 Last Day to Apply for California Deer Association and DFG Junior Wild Pig Hunt, Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County. (831) 649-2870, Jeannine DeWald or Terry Palisano www.CalDeer.com
- 10-12 Modoc Migratory Bird and Wildlife Festival, Modoc County. Free (530) 233-3572 www.riverexchange.org
- 11-12 California Deer Association and DFG Junior Deer Hunt, Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County. Apply by Aug 11, 4 names drawn. (831) 649-2870, Jeannine DeWald or Terry Palisano www.CalDeer.com
- 13 Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Cleanup, Butte County. Free (916) 487-7593 or (530) 982-2169
- 18 National Public Lands Day, Across the State. Free (202) 833-2933 ext 474 www.npld.com
- 18 Great American River Cleanup, Sacramento County. 9am-12pm. Free (916) 456-7423 www.arpf.org/cleanup.html
- 18 California Coastal Cleanup Day, Coastal California. Free (800) COAST4U www.coastforyou.org
- 24-27 Turkey Vulture, Raptor & Fall Migration Festival, Kern County. Free, \$ for special field trips (760) 378-4013, (760) 378-3044 <http://www.valleywild.org/tvfest.htm>
- 25 Statewide Free Fishing Day, Dept. of Fish and Game (916) 358-2872, (415) 892-0460, (562) 590-4835, (559) 243-1462
- 25-26 Oroville Salmon Festival, Butte County. Free (530) 538-2542, (530) 538-2222 www.orovillechamber.net
- TBA Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days in northeastern zone, tentatively the weekend prior to the opening of regular season. Call for the dates and details. (530) 225-2300

October 2004

- 2 Mendota Wildlife Area Cleanup, Fresno County. 8am Free (559) 655-4645
- 2 Tarantula Fest and Fall BBQ, Santa Clara. 10am-4 pm \$ (408) 779-2728 www.coepark.org
- 2-3 Kokanee Salmon Festival, El Dorado County. Free (530) 543-2600 www.r5.fs.fed.us/lbtmu/
- 9-10 California Deer Association and DFG Junior Wild Pig Hunt, Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County. Apply by Sept 9; 5 names drawn. (831) 649-2870, Jeannine DeWald or Terry Palisano www.CalDeer.com
- 14 Last Day to apply for California Deer Association and DFG Junior Turkey Hunt, Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County. (831) 649-2870, Jeannine DeWald or Terry Palisano www.CalDeer.com
- 9 Sierra Valley Headwater Honker Preserve Junior Pheasant Hunt, Plumas County. (916) 358-2839, (916) 358-2877
- 10-16 National Wildlife Refuge Week <http://pacific.fws.gov> <http://refuges.fws.gov> <http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov>

- 13 Open House, to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week, Modoc National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. Free (530) 233-3572 <http://modoc.fws.gov>
- 16 Return of the Salmon Festival, Shasta County. Free (530) 225-2566 www.r1.fws.gov
- 16 Lodi Salmon Festival, San Joaquin County. \$(209) 333-6742 www.lodichamber.com
- 17 Truckee River Day, Nevada County. Free (530) 265-4531 www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe
- 30 Yuba County Fish and Game Commission Junior Pheasant Hunt, Sutter County. Am and pm. (530) 743-5068, (916) 358-2839 www.dfg.ca.gov
- 31 Sutter County Fish and Game Commission Junior Pheasant Hunt, Sutter County. Am and pm. (530) 743-5068, (916) 358-2839, (916) 358-2877 www.dfg.ca.gov

TBA Junior Waterfowl Hunts at Lower Klamath NWR, Siskiyou County, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays after season starts and Saturday following Thanksgiving (530) 667-2231

ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DAY AT GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA

The Gridley Recreation/Community Services and many other area businesses and organizations are sponsoring a terrific FREE fishing event open to kids 15 years old and under at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on **Saturday, July 24, 2004**. A pond will be stocked with catfish and bait and tackle will be available for those who need it. Each participant will receive a "Goody Bag" and raffle ticket to win great prizes donated by the Walmart Fishing Program and local business.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and derby hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Last years derby was a great success with lots of fishermen and plenty more cheerleaders. Anyone, including those over 16 with a valid fishing license, may fish after 12:00 p.m. If you would like more information about this popular community event you can call the Gridley Recreation Department at (530) 846-3264.

Summer 2004 Fishing Clinic Schedule

Free Fishing Instruction Clinics!
Free Loan (for 50) of rods, bait & tackle!
Ponds Stocked with Catfish!!!

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| Fri Aug 27 | 6PM - 8PM | Howe Park
(Howe Ave. & Cottage Way in Sacramento) |
| Fri Sept 10 | 6PM - 8PM | Florin Creek Southgate
R.P.D. & Pkwy. Neighborhood Assn.
(On Persimmon Ave. in South Sacramento) |
| Sat Sept 25 | 8:30 - Noon | Gibson Ranch Cosponsor:
Granite Bay Lions Club
Just west of Watt Ave. on Elverta Rd. in Elverta.
\$4 car parking fee. |

Anglers 16 years of age and older need a fishing license to fish in California. For more information call: (916) 358-2872

Junior Hunters (Dads/Moms, too) Start Your Hunt Plans Now **Here Are a Few Tips:**

1. If you haven't completed your hunter education course, check this Wing Beat News for a list of classes in your area. If you can't find a class, check the telephone yellow pages and call your local sporting goods store, shooting range, or city recreation department as they often give classes.

2. If you have completed the hunter education course, remember that cottontail rabbit season begins on July 1. Many of the state wildlife areas are open for rabbit hunting. You should take a trip to a wildlife area to find out where it is located and what it looks like. For a free copy of the Wildlife Area Map Packet for northern California call the DFG at (530) 743-5068. Leave your name and mailing address on the answering machine.

3. If you don't have a location to practice shooting, check the yellow pages under "GUNS" for the location of shooting ranges in your area.

4. There is a fantastic hunting opportunity for junior hunters looking for a great 'shot' at bagging pheasants. The Sutter and Yuba County Fish and Game Commissions, and the DFG sponsor a junior pheasant hunt which includes a *great* planted bird hunt with group hunt supervisors. Scheduled for the two weekends before the pheasant season opener, these morning and afternoon hunts offer a total hunter capacity of 520 total junior hunters. The cover is native upland vegetation, and these hunts will be fun for experienced hunters and a *terrific* hunt for first-timers. The bird average has been 1.7 birds per hunter for several years. With plenty of birds planted per hunter, even if your junior does not bag as many pheasants as you might hope, there is more than enough shooting opportunity to provide them with a memorable experience.

This hunt rarely fills each hunt time slot. But, you must have a reservation, so we would like to encourage you to be ready to apply in August, the application for this hunt is included in this issue. This is a great opportunity and the Sutter and Yuba Co. Fish and Game Commissions and the DFG want as many hunters as possible to participate!

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